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1	Section L-11.4 states "Note * Items marked below by asterisks are excluded from page count" however this information is not included in the Solicitation.	L-11.4 (Page 100 & 101)	<p>In the OEF RFP (W911W4-05-006), L.11.4 (a) will be revised to read something similar to the following: "(a) Management Proposals shall be prepared as follows: Narrative language that supports and/or elaborates on the information as presented in the proposal. Recommend the narrative information be limited to approximately 30 pages. (See Note below description of items not included in 30-page count)</p> <p>Note * Items marked below by asterisks are excluded from page count.</p> <p>Resumes (limited to key personnel) (limited to two pages per person) * Letters of commitment (key personnel only) (limited to one page per agreement) * Proprietary Technological Deliverables/Data Information Glossary of Unique Terms * Table of Contents * Supporting Information"</p>
2	Will small business FAR revenue eligibility criteria (less than \$6 Million for the past 3-years) be based upon 2002 – 2004, or 2003 – 2005, inasmuch as the award is not anticipated until 2006?		2003-2005
3	As the incumbent's transition plan would require less attention to transition details than those provided by non-incumbents, will additional pages be included in the page-count for non-incumbents to permit them to address processes in sufficient detail to demonstrate the capability to perform on this contract?	Section L-12, Sub-Factor 1.2 (Page 104)	The page count of approximately 30 pages will remain the same for all offerors . All offerors will be treated equally.

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4	Section H.11 states that "replacements shall be made within five (5) calendar days or as directed by the Contracting Officer." Section H.17 states that "the contractor will replace employees within 72 hours, or as directed by the Contracting Officer!4"	H.11 (Page 32), H.17 (Page 42)	H.11 will be removed from the RFP. DFARS 252.225-7040 will be included in the RFP and the resulting contract and will control, except to the extent that H.14, H.15, H.16 and H.17 is applicable. H.14, H.15, H.16 and H.17 will be included in the contract, instead of in the individual task orders, and will be applicable only to the translation and interpretation services required by a task order to be performed in the respective identified countries.
5	Attachment No. 6, Section C-1.11.4, states "only those transportation costs incurred by the contractor for the recruitment and/or screening of linguists or management applicants that are actually assigned and perform under this contract for purposes of providing translator services shall be paid or reimbursed." Solicitation Section C.2.1.2.5 states "contractor shall only be reimbursed for those candidates that successfully complete the screening process. The costs for candidates who do not successfully complete the entire screening process will not be allowable or allocable under this contract." However, Attachment No. 6, Section C-4.1 requires the contractor to provide "¼recruitment, CRC processing, medical/health examinations¼"	Attachment No. 6, C-1.11.4 (Page 153), Attachment No. 6, C-4.1 (Page 159), C.2.1.2.5 (Page 11),	The previous RFP language that would deny reimbursement of costs for failed applicants will be revised. As revised, the costs of candidates that do not successfully complete the entire screening process will be allowed, provided that the Contractor can demonstrate that the pre-screening was properly performed and that the pre-screening was properly documented. However, if the pre-screening is not properly performed or if the pre-screening is not properly documented, then the costs associated with that applicant will not be deemed to be allowable or allocable costs under the applicable Task Order.
6	Section H.12 states "ALL personnel assigned to, attached, on TDY or otherwise expected to deploy to Southwest Asia, Korea, and other high threat areas shall receive Anthrax immunizations."	H.12 (Page 33 & 34)	Paragraph H.12 will be removed from the RFP. No requirement for Anthrax immunization will be included in the RFPs

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7	(a) Section H.12 states "These personnel must have either completed the six (6) shot series for anthrax immunizations prior to departure to that region or, if the person has not received the entire six (6) shot series, they have at least received the first three (3) Anthrax shots prior to departure. Currently, the first three (3) shots are given at two (2) week intervals." How is it possible for the contractor to meet the 14 day delivery schedule specified in Attachment No. 6 if a minimum of four (4) weeks is required for Anthrax immunizations?	H.12 (Page 33 & 34)	Paragraph H.12 will be removed from the RFP. No requirement for Anthrax immunization will be included in the RFPs
8	Section H.12 requires contractors to receive six (6) Anthrax shots and annual booster shots.	H.12 (Page 33 & 34)	Paragraph H.12 will be removed from the RFP. No requirement for Anthrax immunization will be included in the RFPs
9	Section H.2.g (2) states "The contractor shall ensure that all OCIE are returned to the point of issue. The OCIE is Government Furnished Property." Attachment No. 6, C-3.4 states that "the Contractor shall sign a receipt for all equipment provided by the government." Is it the government's intent that the contractor establish a contractor-run Central Issue Facility to facilitate the tracking and management of all equipment, to include OCIE issued to CAT II and CAT III linguists and deploying management personnel at CRC?	H.2.g (2) (Page 26), Attachment No. 6, C-3.4 (Page 159)	Military Clothing, uniforms, and OCIE are controlled pursuant to the terms of DFARS 252.225-7040. RFP Provisions relating to clothing, uniforms and OCIE will be revised to be consistent with the mandatory DFARS 252.225-7040.
10	Section H.2.k (2) states "The government, at its discretion, may provide Contractor employees deployed in the theater of operations, on a cost reimbursable basis, emergency medical and dental care commensurate with the care provided to DoD civilians deployed in the theater of operations." while Attachment No. 6, C-3.3.4.2 states "Emergency medical treatment shall be available 1/4". Please clarify this inconsistency.	H.2.k.(2) (Page 27), Attachment No. 6, C-3.3.4.2 (Page 158)	H.2. will be removed from the RFPs to resolve the apparent inconsistencies.
11	H.2.k (2) states "Under normal circumstances the available military care does not include local nationals" while Attachment No. 6, C-3.3.4.2 states "Emergency medical treatment shall be available to all categories of contractor on-site personnel." Please clarify this inconsistency.	H.2.k.(2) (Page 27), Attachment No. 6, C-3.3.4.2 (Page 158)	H.2. will be removed from the RFPs to resolve the apparent inconsistencies.

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12	C.2.1.2.4 states that "CAT I locally hired personnel will receive a pre-employment medical screening, but not a medical exam." (a) Please identify what constitutes a "medical screening" and what type of medical professional is deemed qualified to conduct said screening. (b) Is the "medical screening" sufficient to ensure linguists are free from communicable diseases? (c) For proposal purposes, will the government provide the current linguists' medical examination results to avoid unnecessary rescreening?	C.2.1.2.4 (Page 11)	The terms and conditions relating to medical requirements in the AOR will be revised to more clearly state the requirements.
13	Attachment No. 6, C-3.3.9 states "On-site U.S. citizen personnel and local national linguists that are required to reside on a U.S. base camp shall be given access to Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) facilities ⁴ " Are Permanent U.S. Residents who are not U.S. citizens authorized use of MWR facilities?	Attachment No. 6, C-3.3.9 (Page 159)	Attachment 6 will be revised, consistent with DOD 3020.41, to specify the Contractor personnel that will be permitted Postal privileges, Commissary privileges; Morale, Welfare and Recreation privileges; Exchange privileges.
14	Both sections state that "Proposals will, in particular, be considered progressively more advantageous the greater the extent to which they reflect, in support of performance of the Task Order 1, specific and credible identification of qualified, and appropriately compensated, CAT II and CAT III personnel who are committed to timely availability in theater at the commencement of the Task Order 1 basic performance period".	L-12, Sub-factor 1.1 (Page 102), M-8.1, Sub-factor 1.1 (Page 125)	The language in Section M that is identified in the question has been reviewed and has been slightly revised.
15	How do these paragraphs apply to interpreter/ translators? Is the Government suggesting that linguist personnel and/or management personnel who could be deployed to Germany or Korea in support of this contract are "technical experts" as defined in H-15 and 16, and therefore will have to gain Technical Expert approval to be allowed to work on the contract in these countries?	H-14 (Page 34), H-15 (Page 37)	A specific country may or may not define a translator as a technical expert. To the extent the clauses do not apply they are self-deleting. H.14, H.15, H.16 and H.17 will be included in the contract, instead of in the individual task orders. Those clauses will be applicable only to the interpretation and translation services required by the individual task order to be performed in the respective identified country.

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16	(a) Attachment No. 5 shows a different quantity of Linguists than is shown in Attachment No. 6, Exhibit 1. Which should be used by offerors when developing proposals? (b) The quantities of Linguists in Attachment No. 5 do not total correctly.	Attachment No. 5, (Page 140), Attachment No. 6, Exhibit 1 (Page 162)	Attachment 5 identifies the total level of effort per year. Attachment 6 Exhibit 1 identifies the linguistic requirements that need to be addressed in the proposal being submitted for Task Order # 1. Note that the word "Sample" on "Technical Exhibit 1 for Sample Task # 1" is incorrect. The word "sample" will be removed.
17	H.2.g (1) states that unless specifically authorized by a Department of Army Waiver, contractor employees are not authorized to wear military clothing. H.4 and Attachment No. 6, C.1.9.1 both state that "on-site contractor personnel shall wear Government-furnished complete uniforms and accessory items¼" Please clarify the difference between "military clothing" and "Government-furnished complete uniforms and accessory items".	H.2.g.(1) (Page 26), H.4 (Page 29) Attachment No. 6, C.1.9.1 (Page 152)	Military Clothing, uniforms, and OCIE are controlled pursuant to the terms of DFARS 252.225-7040. RFP Provisions relating to clothing, uniforms and OCIE will be revised to be consistent with the mandatory DFARS 252.225-7040.
18	Attachment No. 6, C-4.2 requires the contractor to keep on record the results of the medical examination and provide them upon the request of the PCO or COR.	Attachment No. 6, C-4.2 (Page 159)	Thank you for your suggestion. The paragraph will be changed to something similar to: "The contractor shall ensure that the clinic, medical organization or doctor whom the contractor utilizes to perform medical examinations of contractor personnel keep on record the results of the medical examination and, with the concurrence of the examinee, provide those records to the PCO or COR upon either's request."
19	Throughout the RFP there is every indication that the solicitation will be full an open. H-27 states both that it will be full and open and that it will be a small business set aside. Additionally, it states that "Emerging Requirements" will be part of the Afghanistan/GTMO effort, yet within both the Iraq and the Afghanistan/ GTMO Draft RFPs it states that Emerging Requirements will be offered in Task Orders to contractors working on either contract. Additionally, H-27 mentions Exercise Support as a third competition, yet there is no Draft RFP published for Exercise Support – is this area included in Solicitation Number W911W4-05-R-0006? If the Government does release a third RFP, will it also be a small business set aside?	H-27 (Page 48)	The RFP for the IRAQ effort is for Full and Open Competition. Only a single award will be made for the IRAQ solicitation. The RFP for Afghanistan/GTMO is a Total Small Business Set-Aside. One single award is planned for the Afghanistan /GTMO solicitation. It is anticipated that the future RFP for Exercise Support will be a Total Small Business Set-Aside. PLEASE NOTE THAT CONSIDERATION IS CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN TO REVISING THE ABOVE BREAK-OUT OF THE VARIOUS RFP/CONTRACTS, HOWEVER NO CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO ALLOWING ANY LESS OF THE EFFORT TO BE SET ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSSES.RFPs will be revised to include an NAICS Code #541930, Translation and Interpretation Services, and a Size Code of \$6M average annual receipts.

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20	Section B.3, Award Fee, states "A base fee of 1.5% will be applied with an award fee of 6% making the total fee available for the effort 7.5% on a total cost base." Request that the Government delete this paragraph in its entirety and allow fee to be determined through competition	B.3 (Page 5)	The stated base fees, award fees and total available fees will remain as stated. The management effort necessary for the performance of the resulting contracts is considered to be similar to the management effort that would be provided by a general contractor who is managing a large construction project. The fees that would be deemed appropriate for a large construction project would be from 1.5% to 3.0%. The rationale for the higher fees that have been established for the resulting contracts (7.5%) is based upon the harsh environment where a large portion of the services will be performed.
21	The Executive Summary, 2 nd paragraph, of both solicitation W911W4-05-R-0001 and W911W4-05-R-0006 states "The performance based statement of work will cover ¼ and associated worldwide operational areas in support of United States forces and its Unified Commands (USEUCOM, USCENTCOM, USSOUTHCOM, USNORTHCOM, USPACOM)¼" How will the Government determine what requirements will be placed against the resultant contracts?	Executive Summary (Page 2)	INSCOM executes the Contract on behalf of the Department of the Army G-2. Requirements are identified in the field and forwarded through the chain-of-command. All requirements are vetted and validated by both Department of the Army G-3 and G-2, prior to being sent to INSCOM. Requirements in Iraq and related to Iraq-based missions will be added to the Iraq awarded Contract. Requirements in Afghanistan and related to Afghanistan-related missions will be added to the Afghanistan awarded Contract. Requirements in GTMO and related to GTMO-related missions will be added to the GTMO Contract.
22	The 3 rd Bullet point in this section requires that "All personnel are briefed on adherence to all laws and regulations of the host nation(s)." Is the briefing the incumbent contractor has provided on this subject deemed to be sufficient, or should offerors include the price of briefing all incumbent personnel in their proposals?	C.2.2 (Page 12)	The Contractor under the resulting contract must comply with all the requirements in the contract and the Task Orders, including the requirement at C.2.2., 3rd bullet.

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23	Section G.3 requires invoices to "include relevant backup documents to support all costs incurred." (a) How does the Government define "relevant" backup documents? (b) Section L.12.3.8, Figure 5, requires contractors to submit information on approved systems, to include Accounting System, Estimating System, Purchasing System, Billing System, and EVMS System (if applicable). For contractors who have all approved systems, and have been authorized to bill the customer directly by DCAA, will the Government waive the requirement for supporting information to be submitted with invoices?	G.3 (Page 20)	An answer to this question cannot be provided at this time. The awardee will need to address invoicing and payment questions to the ACO after award. Payment functions will be delegated to the appropriate ACO, when an award is made.
24	Given the market for linguists combined with the intense competition among organizations and government agencies, linguists' pay levels appear to be predetermined and market-driven. Any proposal offering linguists lower pay levels will be ineffective and unrealistic, and any proposal offering linguists higher pay levels will result in supporting the already rapid rate of pay inflation among qualified linguists, with no change in the levels of support.	L-12, Factor 3, Paragraph 7.a (2) (Page 118)	Your comment is noted and appreciated.
25	IRAQ ONLY: Section L-11.4 states that a small business subcontracting plan shall be submitted as part of the Management Proposal, but that no cost data shall be included. In order to submit a small business subcontracting plan that is of any worth to the Government, certain cost information must be included, from which a relative value of offerors' proposals can easily be gained.	L-11.4 (Page 102)	The OIF RFP will be revised to clarify the requirement for a Small Business Subcontracting Plan. See H.21, M.3 and M.8.1 Subfactor 1.6. The Total proposed value is defined as: All costs and fees.
26	"and associated worldwide operational areas in support of United States forces and its Unified Commands (USEUCOM, USCENTCOM, USOUTHCOM, USNORTHCOM, USPACOM), attached, combined and joint elements supporting military operations throughout the world, and other U.S. Government Agencies as required" Please confirm that this section refers to INSCOM's contingency mission requirement.	Page 2	All requirements for this Contract come through INSCOM. The Contractor will provide linguist management services in support of Combatant Commanders of all Military Services as required under this contract and as prescribed by individual task orders issued by the PCO.
27	"A Cost Plus Award Fee Contract is anticipated" Will the government consider a Time & Materials contract to better control overall costs?	Page 2	Task Orders will be issued as CPAF orders and not as T&M orders.
28	Must the small business contractor have a TS facility clearance or can it meet this requirement by teaming with a large business that already has one?	Page 23	The RFP will be revised to clarify the apparent ambiguity between H.1 (b), L.9.1 and Attachment 6. The RFP, as revised, will describe one singular "Accredited TP/TSC Facility" requirement. This facility requirement is a Special Responsibility Standard, and must be met at the time of award.

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29	Whom does the government consider to be key personnel?	Page 28	Key personnel shall be determined and designated by the Offeror, in their Proposal. See IER RFQ H.3 and L-9.2.
30	"For contingency deployments, the Government shall reimburse contractor personnel at the same rate of pay and allowance offered to U.S. military personnel." Please elaborate. The government will reimburse at a rate different than the proposed/awarded rate?	Page 33	H.11 has been removed from the RFP and similar language will NOT be included in the revised solicitations.
31	"The Government may transfer or augment capability to either or both of the other contracts as necessary to meet the full needs for linguist services. This transference or augmentation will only be implemented when determined to be in the best interest of the Government. Work will be transferred or augmented under the terms and conditions of each Contract as issued. Advanced notification of such transference or augmentation will be provided to HQDA by the INSCOM prior to execution." Please elaborate. How will the government decide to transfer work from one contractor to another? In what kind of situation will such a transfer occur?	Page 48 H.27	The identified "transfer" of effort will only be pursued under unusual or compelling circumstances, that are currently unanticipated, and then only after full compliance with statutory (e.g. CICA) and regulatory (e.g. FAR, DFARS) requirements for documentation, justification and approvals.
32	Can the translators be independent contractors?	No specific PAR, or #	The Government cannot provide advice regarding relationships with "employees" or "subcontractors."
33	What health & life insurance benefits are required?	P. 33, H.11, 7 th paragraph.	The insurance required for performance of the resulting contracts shall be in conformance with FAR 52.228-3, 52.228-4 and DFARS 252.228-7003, which are included in Section I.
34	What factors disqualify someone (medical condition)?	3.0 performance requirements # 3 pre-screen	The RFPs will be revised to provide more specific information regarding medical requirements related to deploying personnel.

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35	Section refers to War Hazards Comp. Act and being reimbursable for capture and detention payments – is it reimbursable for DBA insurance (out of)?	252.228 – 7003 pg. 72	FAR 52.228-3, FAR 52.228-4 and DFARS 252.228-8 and DFARS 252.228-7003 are included within these RFPs and will be included in the resulting contracts. Reimbursement to the Contractor, a Contract employee, or an employee's dependents shall be provided only under the terms of those clauses and only to the extent provided by those clauses.
36	Will Interim clearances on all be accepted? Male and Female?	2.1, 2.2	Security Clearance policy and procedures are set out in Attachment 6. Interim clearances, screenings, investigations, adjudications and access will be in accordance with the terms set out in Attachment 6, and the controlling authority cited therein. Interim clearances will be granted to male and females, alike, without gender discrimination.
37	Please confirm: Only 3 days to replace linguist if termed?	p. 42 of 136	Pursuant to the terms and conditions of H.17, to the extent that the clause applies to services being performed in Korea, the Contractor is required to replace employees within 72 hours, or as directed by the Contracting Officer.
38	Please clarify: Travel on military air simply allowed or is it desired?	p. 26 of 136 #2 4 ii	See H.2 (2) and Attachment 6, C.1.11. Choice of air carrier and air routes are at the discretion of the contractor in the event that military airlifts are not available. Transportation choices shall be cost efficient IAW JTR and cost allowable regulations.
39	Does this section mean we are told Gateway City and Air Carrier to use – i.e. British Airways not a U.S. Flag Carrier – does the carrier matter?	p. 66 of 136 #2	See H.2 (2) and Attachment 6, C.1.11. Choice of air carrier and air routes are at the discretion of the contractor in the event that military airlifts are not available. Transportation choices shall be cost efficient IAW JTR and cost allowable regulations.

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40	Does this section mean travel expense is one way or round trip? Is leave travel reimbursable?	p. 123 of 136 (d)	See Attachment 6, C.1.11.2. Reimbursement for travel is, as stated, and in accordance with FAR cost allowable regulations. Proposals shall include leave travel costs.
41	Define Ancillary Professional Skills. Is this an additional restrictive requirement beyond all else? What is general education?	p.9	Paragraph 2.1.2.1, last bullet, will be revised to delete the reference to "professional education."
42	Will USG provide official passports?	p.10	Pursuant to DFARS 252.225-7040(e)(3), the Contractor is responsible for ensuring that all necessary passports, visas, and other necessary documents are obtained.
43	QA Daily Sitrep due 1200 local. Local where, AOR?	p.13	Paragraph 2.5.2 will be revised to clarify that submission of the Daily Status Report is required to be submitted not later than 12:00 Noon (local time at Fort Belvoir, VA)
44	What defines Contingency Deployment?	p.34 H11. last para.	The term "contingency operation" as used at DFARS 252.225-7040(b)(1)(i) is defined at E2.1.2 of DODI 3020.41 as "A military operation that is either designated by the Secretary of Defense as a contingency operation or becomes a contingency operation as a matter of law...." See 10 USC 101(a)(13).
45	Can a company whose annual gross revenue exceeds \$6 million with a total company labor force of less than 500 employees be the prime contractor for this opportunity?	NA	The size standard for NAICS #541930 is average annual receipts of \$6M.

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46	Does the government anticipate a single award or multiple awards for this opportunity?	NA	The RFP for the IRAQ effort is for Full and Open Competition. Only a single award will be made for the IRAQ solicitation. The RFP for Afghanistan/GTMO is a Total Small Business Set-Aside. One single award is planned for the Afghanistan /GTMO solicitation. It is anticipated that the future RFP for Exercise Support will be a Total Small Business Set-Aside. PLEASE NOTE THAT CONSIDERATION IS CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN TO REVISING THE ABOVE BREAK-OUT OF THE VARIOUS RFP/CONTRACTS, HOWEVER NO CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO ALLOWING ANY LESS OF THE EFFORT TO BE SET ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. RFPs will be revised to include an NAICS Code #541930, Translation and Interpretation Services, and a Size Code of \$6M average annual receipts.
47	If the prime contractor does not have an accredited TS/SCI secure facility within a 50 mile radius of Ft. Belvoir and a STU III with updated, valid cipher key, can the prime contractor fulfill this requirement by utilizing the accredited secure facility and STU phone of one of its subcontractors for this contract?	H.1(b), page 23	The RFP will be revised to clarify the apparent ambiguity between H.1(b), L.9.1 and Attachment 6. The RFP, as revised, will describe one singular "Accredited TP/TSC Facility" requirement. This facility requirement is a Special Responsibility Standard, and must be met at the time of award.
48	Does the government intend to have CAT I personnel assigned to this contract undergo polygraph examination?	H.1(c), page 23	As stated at C 2.1.2, all categories of linguists and support personnel may be selected for screening or re-screening, to include polygraphs tests, at any stage of employment, at the discretion of the Government.

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49	Will the contractor be responsible for purchasing and maintaining its own fleet of vehicles at both CONUS and OCONUS locations? If so, how many are required at each CONUS and OCONUS location?	F2, page 25	During the Transition Phase, the vehicles that are identified as GFE under the current contract can be provided as Government Property to a successor Contractor. Note that the revised RFP will include an estimate of the ODC costs that Government anticipates, based on historical data, which includes vehicles, upgrades, maintenance and fuel. Also, note the instructions that are provided regarding how to present all other ODC costs in the cost proposal.
50	Will the contractor be required to make government provided travel reservations to the CENTCOM theater for its personnel?	4 (ii), page 26	See H.2 (2) (ii). Contractor personnel requiring government-provided air transportation to the CENTCOM Theater of Operations must also make reservations through PERSCOM. Also, refer to DOD 4515-13R and AR 95-1.
51	Will lodging of contract personnel be provided by the government for those contractors assigned to Germany?	H.14, page 34	The terms of the individual Task Order will control any performance that is required in Germany. Currently it is NOT anticipated that the Army would provide lodging for performance of a Task Order in Germany.
52	Will the government reimburse transportation costs for contract personnel from their primary/registered residence to the designated security processing center (CRC, Washington DC, etc.)?	H.23, page 46	This language will be significantly modified in the new RFPs so that costs will be allowable and allocable if the contractor has properly performed and documented the required prescreening of an applicant. See new C.2.1.2.5.

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53	It appears there is a typo to this paragraph. It states that the GTMO/Afghanistan/Emerging requirement will be awarded based on full and open competition.	H.27, page 48, sentence 4	The RFP for the IRAQ effort is for Full and Open Competition. Only a single award will be made for the IRAQ solicitation. The RFP for Afghanistan/GTMO is a Total Small Business Set-Aside. One single award is planned for the Afghanistan /GTMO solicitation. It is anticipated that the future RFP for Exercise Support will be a Total Small Business Set-Aside.PLEASE NOTE THAT CONSIDERATION IS CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN TO REVISING THE ABOVE BREAK-OUT OF THE VARIOUS RFP/CONTRACTS, HOWEVER NO CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO ALLOWING ANY LESS OF THE EFFORT TO BE SET ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSSES. RFPs will be revised to include an NAICS Code #541930, Translation and Interpretation Services, and a Size Code of \$6M average annual receipts.
54	If the prime contractor does not have an approved accounting/ payroll system that the government would accept, can this responsibility be supported by a subcontractor who does have an approved accounting/payroll system?	NA	A contract can only be awarded after a determination of responsibility of the prospective Contractor. In order for the Government to enter into a cost type of contract, the Contractor must possess a cost accounting system that is adequate for determining costs associated with performance of the contract. See FAR 16.301-3. As a matter of responsibility, before entering into a cost type of contract, the prospective contractor's accounting system and cost data must be determined to be reliable. See DFARS 209.104-1.
55	Please clarify your strategy for evaluating financial performance risk for proposals submitted by a joint venture (JV). Small businesses may submit a proposal as part of a JV. The government would benefit by requiring all member companies of the JV to submit financial statements to make a responsibility determination.	Section L-12 Factor 3 – COST, sub paragraph 9, page 120 of 170	The RFPs will be clarified by adding the following sentence or something similar to L.12 Factor 3 9. "If a Joint Venture entity is proposed, then statements should be submitted for the parties of the venture, as well as the venture entity."

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56	Contractor shall only be reimbursed for those candidates that successfully complete the screening process. The cost for candidates who do not successfully complete the entire screening process will not be allowable or allocable under this contract. <i>(How far does this liability extend? Travel Costs? Admin? Liability?)</i>	2.1.2.5	The previous RFP language that would deny reimbursement of costs for failed applicants will be revised. As revised, the costs of candidates that do not successfully complete the entire screening process will be allowed, provided that the Contractor can demonstrate that the pre-screening was properly performed and properly documented. However, if the pre-screening is not properly performed and properly documented, then the costs associated with that applicant will not be allowable or allocable costs under the applicable Task Order.
57	On-site managers shall use the U.S. Army Civilian Tracking System (CIVTRACKS) program, or like database <i>(Widely and generally available? Allocable?)</i>	2.4	CIVTRACKS is internet accessible.
58	2% or less of candidates deployed are found to have disqualifying security, technical, professional, or medical conditions 60% of applicants screened by Gov's will be successfully deployed. (See 2.1.2.5 <i>This is the goal, and we can't get reimbursed?</i>)	3	The RFP language relating to reimbursement of cost for failed applicants will be revised. See #56 above.
59	<i>What is calculation functionality?</i>	L-11.4 c	The RFP reference to "functionality" refers to retaining the formula that is used for calculation of the dollar amount or data that is included in the cell of an Excel spreadsheet. The paragraph that contains the reference to "functionality" will be revised in an effort to clarify the reference.
60	AFGH/GTMO/Emerging Rqmts is open competition, then under that it says Small Business set-aside. <i>Should the first mention (full and open competition) have been for 'Iraq'?</i>	P48, Para H.27	H.27 is incorrect and will be revised. See the Answer at Question 19 for the correct information.
61	<i>What is "Asserted Rights Category" and does this apply in any way to the offeror?</i>	P69	DFARS 252.227-7013 will be incorporated by reference in Section I of the RFP. In that clause subparagraph (e) requires identification and assertion of any data that will be delivered with less than unlimited rights. The basis for assertions and the asserted rights categories are identified in the notes of that subparagraph.

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62	what is Small Business size standard that applies here? It's blank.	P80-81, Para 52.219-1 (2)	RFPs will be revised to include an NAICS Code #541930, Translation and Interpretation Services, and a Size Code of \$6M average annual receipts.
63	Key personnel require TS/SCI must be "eligible" Are Site Managers considered 'key personnel'?		Key personnel shall be determined and designated by the Offeror in the Proposal. See OEF RFQ H.3 and L-9.2.
64	Linguist requirement totals Totals do not add up. Our count is 755.	P140	There are two requirements: the total requirement and Task Order 1 requirements. Task Order 1 requirements are included in the total requirement.
65	Linguist numbers for Afghanistan do not match numbers on P140?	P162	The number of linguists, the specific languages and the number of linguists per various locations will be revised in the respective RFPs.
66	What are the restrictions for joint ventures relating to the small business requirements and accreditation(s)?		Joint Ventures are controlled by the terms of FAR Part 19, entitled Small Business Programs; FAR Part 9.1, entitled Responsible Prospective Contractors; FAR 9.6, entitled Contractor Team Arrangements. Note that RFP provision L.7 will be revised to clarify that the validity and integrity of a Joint Venture will be recognized, to the same extent as other team arrangements.
67	What are the security requirements of the subcontractor? Can the DCID's requirements be waived for the subcontractor through the prime's facility?		The personnel security requirements are the same for all personnel performing work under this contract, whether contractor personnel or subcontractor personnel.
68	Medical Review: Could offeror require each candidate to have medical screening done on their own 'before' they begin processing? Could we have them have medical certification from their own doctor before sending forward. Can this include dental as well?		The RFPs will be revised to more clearly state the medical requirements that must be accomplished by the contractor.
69	What is the staffing requirement at CRC/Ft. Benning?		The government is not establishing any specific requirement for staffing at the identified CRC.

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70	the size standard is missing from line (a)(2). As this procurement is under NAICS code 541930, will the corresponding size standard of \$6M be used?	page 80, clause 52.2191	The RFP for the IRAQ effort is for Full and Open Competition. Only a single award will be made for the IRAQ solicitation. The RFP for Afghanistan/GTMO is a Total Small Business Set-Aside. One single award is planned for the Afghanistan /GTMO solicitation. It is anticipated that the future RFP for Exercise Support will be a Total Small Business Set-Aside. PLEASE NOTE THAT CONSIDERATION IS CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN TO REVISING THE ABOVE BREAK-OUT OF THE VARIOUS RFP/CONTRACTS, HOWEVER NO CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO ALLOWING ANY LESS OF THE EFFORT TO BE SET ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSSES. RFPs will be revised to include an NAICS Code #541930, Translation and Interpretation Services, and a Size Code of \$6M average annual receipts.
71	Will submission of the Crisis Situation Contingency plan be separate from the actual 30-page proposal submission?	Paragraph: H.11, last paragraph & L-11.4(a). p.33/136	H.11 has been removed. L.11.4 (a) does not require submission of a contingency plan as part of the proposal. The plan required by DFARS 252.225-7040 (e) shall be accomplished during performance of individual task orders.
72	Please clarify what is covered under "Production Quantities and Rate of Production."	Paragraph: L.2.2.1 (d)p.113/136	This will be rephrased in the RFP.
73	Given the nature of the contract and the potential risks to the contractor associated with the Award Fee Plan, will the government consider raising the maximum possible fee to 10%?	P5 B.3	The Government does not anticipate any consideration of revising the award fee percentages set out at B.3."
74	Is there any scope to the amount of work that might be added?	P7 1.0	The RFP will identify the total number of linguists, the language requirements and the locations for the ID/IQ contract and Task Order 1. The requirements for Task Order 1 are included in the total requirements identified for the ID/IQ contract.
75	Are there any physical fitness requirements for linguists to operate in combat environments?	P9 2.1.2.1	The RFPs will be revised to provide more specific information regarding medical requirements related to deploying personnel.

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76	When will this attachment be provided?	P8 2.1.1	Attachments not posted with the DRAFT RFPs will be posted Not Later Than when the official solicitation is released. The expedited award schedule may prevent posting revisions to the DRAFT RFP.
77	Will CAT I personnel be subjected to polygraphs?	P10 2.1.2.2	As stated at C 2.1.2, all categories of linguists and support personnel may be selected for screening or re-screening, to include polygraphs tests, at any stage of employment, at the discretion of the Government.
78	Confirm that Ft Bliss, TX will not be used to support deployment processing into Iraq.	P26 H.2 g(4)	See H.2 (2). Currently, the incumbent's employees are processed through CRC, Fort Benning, GA. The government can not confirm that this situation will not change in the future.
79	Will there be a waiver authorizing this wear and will the uniforms be issued at CRC or in country?	P26 H.2 g	Military Clothing, uniforms, and OCIE are controlled pursuant to the terms of DFARS 252.225-7040. RFP Provisions relating to clothing, uniforms and OCIE will be revised to be consistent with the mandatory DFARS 252.225-7040.
80	Will there be a list developed of the required civilian clothing?	H.4	H.4 has been removed from the RFPs. Military Clothing, uniforms, and OCIE are controlled pursuant to the terms of DFARS 252.225-7040. RFP Provisions relating to clothing, uniforms and OCIE will be revised to be consistent with the mandatory DFARS 252.225-7040.

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81	It is recommended that some sort of small business participation form or format be supplied so that the goals can be expressed as requested. This would allow the contractor to present the information requested without having to modify the intent of the small business plan and resultant SF 294 which requires small business goals to be expressed as a percentage of subcontract dollars.	P46 Section H.21, Small Business Participation under c, subcontracting, Para 1.	The OIF RFP will be revised to clarify the requirement for a Small Business Subcontracting Plan. See H.21, M.3 and M.8.1 Subfactor 1.6. The Total proposed value is defined as: All costs and fees.
82	We feel this language is onerous as FAR clause 52-219-6, Liquidated Damages-Subcontracting Plan which will be incorporated in the contract, already provides a fair and reasonable remedy if a contractor does not in comply in good faith with its subcontracting plan.	P46 Section H.21, Small Business Participation, Para 3. Fair and reasonable remedy if a contractor does not comply in good faith with its subcontracting plan.	See FAR 52.219-9 (i)(2), which is incorporated in the solicitation/contract in Section I, and which contains the referenced language.

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83	Is the GTMO/Afghanistan and Emerging Requirements a full and open competition or a small business set aside?	P48 H.27 Special Provision Linguist Intercontract Transfers	The RFP for the IRAQ effort is for Full and Open Competition. Only a single award will be made for the IRAQ solicitation. The RFP for Afghanistan/GTMO is a Total Small Business Set-Aside. One single award is planned for the Afghanistan /GTMO solicitation. It is anticipated that the future RFP for Exercise Support will be a Total Small Business Set-Aside. PLEASE NOTE THAT CONSIDERATION IS CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN TO REVISING THE ABOVE BREAK-OUT OF THE VARIOUS RFP/CONTRACTS, HOWEVER NO CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO ALLOWING ANY LESS OF THE EFFORT TO BE SET ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSSES. RFPs will be revised to include an NAICS Code #541930, Translation and Interpretation Services, and a Size Code of \$6M average annual receipts.
84	Is this the format of the proposal and oral presentation? If so, how much time is allotted for the presentation of the proposal?	P101 L11.4	Section L does not include any indication that Oral Presentations are anticipated for these source selections. No oral presentations will be conducted.
85	Does INSCOM intend to factor any surge hours in this requirement?	P105 L12	The information set out in Table(s) 5 is the entire requirement(s) that will be set out in the resulting contract(s).
86	Given the nature of the contract and the potential risks to the contractor associated with the Award Fee Plan, will the government consider raising the maximum possible fee to 10%?	P5 B.3 DUP 73 pub.	The management effort necessary for this action is considered to be similar to the general contractor management of a large construction project. For that type of effort we normally pay 1.5% to 3%. The reason for the higher fee (7.5%) for this action is the environment in which most of the work is performed.
87	Is it the intent of the government to stagger the release of the two INSCOM proposals?		It is currently anticipated that official RFPs similar to the drafts RFPs W911W4-05-001 and W911W4-05-006 will be issued on approximately the same date, or with only a minimal delay between them. It is anticipated that an RFP (either an official or a DRAFT) for the Exercise Support requirements will be released, shortly after the official release of the two current DRAFT RFPs. A precise schedule for the release of the various RFPs is not currently known.

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88	The R-0006 GTMO/Afghanistan draft RFP provided a matrix of personnel requirements to support development of cost and management proposals. We respectfully request that similar matrix be made available for the R-0001 Iraq proposal to ensure a common cost base for all vendors.		The RFP when revised will contain an attachment providing Personnel, Language and Location requirements.
89	Will the government please define "rapidly" in terms of days?	SOW Para 2.3 Quick Reaction Capability requires contractor to "rapidly provide replacement personnel."	The term "rapidly" is intended to convey the meaning that priority assignments will be filled as quickly as asset identification, appropriate security and available transportation will allow. Greater specificity in this paragraph, in terms of a specific number of hours or days, is not considered to be desirable.
90	Does this indicate the government will financially support the Vendor's sustainment of a "deployment-ready" pool of linguists?	SOW Para 2.3 Quick Reaction Capability requires contractor to "rapidly provide replacement personnel."	The offeror's proposal strategy will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria specified in Section M of the RFP.
91	Are linguists to wear government furnished complete uniforms and accessory items and civilian garb?	There is a contradiction in RFP Section H between paragraphs 5.g. Clothing, Equipment and Central Registration and H4 Uniforms and Work Attire.	Military Clothing, uniforms, and OCIE are controlled pursuant to the terms of DFARS 252.225-7040. RFP Provisions relating to clothing, uniforms and OCIE will be revised to be consistent with the mandatory DFARS 252.225-7040.
92	Will government uniforms and accessories be provided to all linguists (CAT I, II and III, local and CONUS hire)?	There is a contradiction in RFP Section H between paragraphs 5.g. Clothing, Equipment and Central Registration and H4 Uniforms and Work Attire.	Military Clothing, uniforms, and OCIE are controlled pursuant to the terms of DFARS 252.225-7040. RFP Provisions relating to clothing, uniforms and OCIE will be revised to be consistent with the mandatory DFARS 252.225-7040.

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93	Section H11 states that when required by the Mission or Theater Commander, the government will provide the contractor military unique individual equipment. Does this apply to all linguists (CAT I, II, and III, local and CONUS hire)?		H.11 has been removed from the RFPs. Military Clothing, uniforms, and OCIE are controlled pursuant to the terms of DFARS 252.225-7040. RFP Provisions relating to clothing, uniforms and OCIE will be revised to be consistent with the mandatory DFARS 252.225-7040.
94	Will this equipment be transferable to the Awardee?	Significant amounts of government furnished equipment (GFE) and contractor furnished equipment (CFE) has been purchased and utilized in theater under the current contract	Yes
95	Must the Awardee provide costs for purchase of new equipment?	Significant amounts of government furnished equipment (GFE) and contractor furnished equipment (CFE) has been purchased and utilized in theater under the current contract	If you need equipment other than what is on the GFE list, it should be proposed. Costs to manage the GFE/GFP should also be proposed. See the revised instructions for proposal submission and Other Direct Costs in Section L.
96	Can a specific list be provided for each category, which would assist us in our costing?	Significant amounts of government furnished equipment (GFE) and contractor furnished equipment (CFE) has been purchased and utilized in theater under the current contract	A GFE list for each RFP will be provided in Excel format.

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97	H1(b) requires the contractor to have a TS/SCI space that will allow for discussions (conference room) while the L9.1 criteria is to have a top secret facility clearance at time of award. They are not the same requirement. Is a SCIF required as well as a TS Facility clearance?		The RFP will be revised to clarify the apparent ambiguity between H.1 (b), L.9.1 and Attachment 6. The RFP, as revised, will describe one singular "Accredited TP/TSC Facility" requirement. This facility requirement is a Special Responsibility Standard, and must be met at the time of award.
98	Please clarify your strategy for evaluating performance risk for proposals submitted by a joint venture (JV). Evaluation of partners in a new JV, should be treated the same as your strategy for contractors and major subcontractors under evaluation Factor 2.0 on page 127 of 170 and discussed under L-7, Teaming on page 97 of 170. Please confirm that Joint Ventures will be accepted within the definition of Teaming.	Section M-8.1 Factor 2.0 on page 127 of 170 Section L-7, Teaming on page 97 of 170	The RFP provision L.7 will be revised to clarify that the validity and integrity of a Joint Venture will be recognized, to the same extent as other team arrangements. Note that Joint Ventures must comply with and are controlled by FAR 9.6, FAR 9.1 and FAR 19.
99	Will there still be an RFP issued for the Exercise Support portion of this overall requirement?		A separate RFP will be issued for the "Exercise Support" requirements.
100	If so, could a Draft RFP be issued for the Exercise Support?		At this time, it is not known whether the scheduled award date for the Exercise Support contract will permit the issuance of a DRAFT RFP.
101	Can you verify which of the three is a small business set-aside? The reason for my question is the following passage, please note the bold section: <i>The Army's acquisition strategy for the follow-on award(s) for the Worldwide Linguist Support Contract anticipates issuing three separate solicitations and awarding three separate contracts. The resulting contracts shall be awarded to qualified offerors based on specified mission requirements. The three mission requirements are (1) Iraq, (2) GTMO/Afghanistan/Emerging Requirements, and (3) Exercise Support. The Afghanistan and GTMO mission requirements will be awarded based on full and open competition. The GTMO/Afghanistan/Emerging requirements and Exercise Support will be awarded based on small business set-aside procedures, open to all U.S small businesses.</i>		The RFP for the IRAQ effort is for Full and Open Competition. Only a single award will be made for the IRAQ solicitation. The RFP for Afghanistan/GTMO is a Total Small Business Set-Aside. One single award is planned for the Afghanistan /GTMO solicitation. It is anticipated that the future RFP for Exercise Support will be a Total Small Business Set-Aside. PLEASE NOTE THAT CONSIDERATION IS CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN TO REVISING THE ABOVE BREAK-OUT OF THE VARIOUS RFP/CONTRACTS, HOWEVER NO CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO ALLOWING ANY LESS OF THE EFFORT TO BE SET ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. RFPs will be revised to include an NAICS Code #541930, Translation and Interpretation Services, and a Size Code of \$6M average annual receipts.
102	Can you confirm that the Linguist Services for Afghanistan and GTMO contract, as indicated in Special Notice USA-SNOTE-05-0913-006, will be set-aside for small business?		RFP W911W4-05-R-0006 will be revised to clearly state that it is a 100% total small business set-aside.
103	What is the small business standard?		RFPs will be revised to include an NAICS Code #541930, Translation and Interpretation Services, and a Size Code of \$6M average annual receipts.

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104	Will III follow same basic time line 14 Nov prop due and 22 Dec award?		The date for official release of the proposals has been delayed. Appropriate and consistent dates for receipt of proposals and anticipated award dates will be determined at a later time.
105	Will small businesses be required to have been audited by DCAA to submit Cost Plus Proposals?		Before a cost reimbursement contract can be awarded, the Contractor must possess an accounting system that is adequate for determining costs associated with the performance of the contract. See FAR 16.301-3.
106	Will interrogation support be required?		No Interrogation Services will be required to be performed under the resulting contracts. Only Translation and Interpretation Services will be performed, although Translation and Interpretation Services may be required to be performed in incarceration or interrogation environments.
107	Is the NAICS code cap of \$6M applicable to the GTMO/Afghanistan requirement?		The RFP for the IRAQ effort is for Full and Open Competition. Only a single award will be made for the IRAQ solicitation. The RFP for Afghanistan/GTMO is a Total Small Business Set-Aside. One single award is planned for the Afghanistan /GTMO solicitation. It is anticipated that the future RFP for Exercise Support will be a Total Small Business Set-Aside. PLEASE NOTE THAT CONSIDERATION IS CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN TO REVISING THE ABOVE BREAK-OUT OF THE VARIOUS RFP/CONTRACTS, HOWEVER NO CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO ALLOWING ANY LESS OF THE EFFORT TO BE SET ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSSES. RFPs will be revised to include an NAICS Code #541930, Translation and Interpretation Services, and a Size Code of \$6M average annual receipts.

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108	Are all collateral clearances handled by OPM for this contract? SCI will be adjudicated by Army?		Security Clearance policy and procedures are set out in Attachment 6. Interim Clearances, investigations, adjudications and access will be in accordance with the terms set out in Attachment C, and the controlling authority cited therein. As stated therein, investigation and adjudication will be performed by DSS or CCF, and will be deemed to be final.
109	Is the Army using JPAS for clearances?		Yes.
110	Area clearances for going overseas, who will initiate? Army or Company/Contractor		As stated at DFARS 252.225-7040(e)(3), the Contractor is responsible for obtaining documents required to enter and exit a theater of operations.
111	Billets for SCI how will they be generated?		The generation or limitation of billets will be as specified in individual Task Orders.
112	What system does the Army use to process clearances?		For performance of the current contract the Army is using Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS) and Army Contracting Automated Verification System (ACVS).
113	How will clearances be processed?		As stated in Attachment 6, security clearance policy and procedures will be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of that Attachment and the controlling authority cited therein. During performance of the current contract, the Contractor submits documentation for clearances to DSS using the "electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing" (eQUIPs) system.
114	Who is the security POC for this RFP?		All RFP questions, including security questions, should be directed to the PCO, who is the single POC for the RFP.

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115	Indoctrination will be provided by who and where will all this take place (staging area)?		As stated in Attachment 6, security clearance policy and procedures will be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of that Attachment and the controlling authority cited therein. During performance of the current contract, the Contractor provides indoctrination except in theater where a request for indoctrination assist may be forwarded through Army Contracting Automated Verification System (ACVS).
116	Can we have a list and contact information of the companies that attended so that we can form teaming partners?		This information is posted online at http://www/contracting/INSCOM_solicitations.asp
117	What compensation packages are currently being offered to linguists working on this contract?		This information cannot be provided by the government.
118	Will INSCOM support an excellerated security clearance process?		Neither INSCOM nor any other U.S. Army office, organization or agency, can provide any assurances regarding the procedures or the processing of security clearances.
119	Has the acquisition strategy as briefed today been briefed to "Big Army"?		Internal higher level briefings and appropriate approvals have been provided and obtained within the U.S. Army, as appropriate.
120	Can you give more information as to the time-frame of the Exercise Support Program Management needs of the Army?		It is currently anticipated that official RFPs similar to the drafts RFPs W911W4-05-001 and W911W4-05-006 will be issued on approximately the same date, or with only a minimal delay between them. It is anticipated that an RFP (either an official or a DRAFT) for the Exercise Support requirements will be released, shortly after the official release of the two current DRAFT RFPs.
121	Application for TESA status recognition of Linguists in Germany have been consistently denied in the past. This has led to the contractor in paying German corporate and personnel income taxes. May these German taxes be charged back to the government?		Taxes and the cost allocation of taxes is a complex question that depends on many factors that cannot be adequately addressed for all the potential offerors in this forum.

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122	Application for TESA status recognition of Linguists in Germany have been consistently denied in the past. Will the government support and assist the contractor in formatting a TESA application for Linguists and Management personnel.		The US government cannot make the requested commitment.
123	Why are there no orals this time? There were orals last time.		Section L does not include any indication that Oral Presentations are anticipated for these source selections. No oral presentations will be conducted.
124	Helen Sutter stated that offerors are to indicate where GFE/GFP is shown in the cost proposals. If the identified equipment is government provided, why would it have a cost associated with it?		During the Transition Phase, the GFE under the current contract can be provided as Government Property to a successor Contractor. Note that the RFP, as revised will include an estimate of the ODC costs that Government anticipates, based on historical data, which includes costs associated with various types of equipment, and its operation and maintenance. Also, note the instructions that are provided regarding how to present all other ODC costs in the cost proposal.
125	Will multiple IDIQs be awarded per RFP?		The RFP for the IRAQ effort is for Full and Open Competition. Only a single award will be made for the IRAQ solicitation. The RFP for Afghanistan/GTMO is a Total Small Business Set-Aside. One single award is planned for the Afghanistan /GTMO solicitation. It is anticipated that the future RFP for Exercise Support will be a Total Small Business Set-Aside. PLEASE NOTE THAT CONSIDERATION IS CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN TO REVISING THE ABOVE BREAK-OUT OF THE VARIOUS RFP/CONTRACTS, HOWEVER NO CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO ALLOWING ANY LESS OF THE EFFORT TO BE SET ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSSES. RFPs will be revised to include an NAICS Code #541930, Translation and Interpretation Services, and a Size Code of \$6M average annual receipts.
126	Is it expected that the small business subcontracting plan as required by the FAR be presented based on total contract value vice total subcontracting dollars as required in the SF2943 reporting?		As stated at H.21, as revised, the Small Business Participation Subcontracting percentages shall be calculated based upon the total contract amount, not the total subcontracting amount as specified in FAR 52.219-9.

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127	If Linguists are approved by Government, then later determined to be unacceptable, will costs be reimbursed? We understand if candidates are not successful, but if the Government pre-approves the candidate, are costs reimbursable?		The previous RFP language that would deny reimbursement of costs for failed applicants will be revised. As revised, the costs of candidates that do not successfully complete the entire screening process will be allowed, provided that the Contractor can demonstrate that the pre-screening was properly performed and that the pre-screening was properly documented. However, if the pre-screening is not properly performed or if the pre-screening is not properly documented, then the costs associated with that applicant will not be deemed to be allowable or allocable costs under the applicable Task Order.
128	If the emerging requirements are part of the SB set aside, how does the Government expect an adequate response to something like an IRAQ requirement?		No RFP is currently anticipated for the acquisition of future, but not currently known, emerging requirements. The RFPs that have been currently issued as DRAFT RFPs will be revised to remove all references to "emerging requirements."
129	Is the proposal an oral briefing or a proposal limited to a page count?		Section L does not include any indication that Oral Presentations are anticipated for these source selections. No oral presentations will be conducted.
130	Will there be mandatory language testing required to assess skills before technical acceptance?		Yes, contractor is required to test in English and target language.
131	Are you requesting resumes in a prescribed format? Are DA330s required?		As stated at L-11.4, the resume format has not been specified. There is no requirement for any particular form, or format.
132	Is the prime small business contractor required to maintain 51% of the contract or could 2 or more small businesses team for 51%?		The rules relating to size standard are set out at FAR 19.

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133	Is a SCIF required at the time of proposal submission even if bidder has TS Facility Clearance?		The RFP will be revised to clarify the apparent ambiguity between H.1 (b), L.9.1 and Attachment 6. The RFP, as revised, will describe one singular "Accredited TP/TSC Facility" requirement. This facility requirement is a Special Responsibility Standard, and must be met at the time of award.
134	Based on award, will the Government sponsor successful offeror for SCIF and STU III access?		The RFP will be revised to clarify the apparent ambiguity between H.1 (b), L.9.1 and Attachment 6. The RFP, as revised, will describe one singular "Accredited TP/TSC Facility" requirement. This facility requirement is a Special Responsibility Standard, and must be met at the time of award.
135	Will the Government consider making the Afghanistan/GTMO RFP a full & open competition?		The RFP for the IRAQ effort is for Full and Open Competition. Only a single award will be made for the IRAQ solicitation. The RFP for Afghanistan/GTMO is a Total Small Business Set-Aside. One single award is planned for the Afghanistan /GTMO solicitation. It is anticipated that the future RFP for Exercise Support will be a Total Small Business Set-Aside. PLEASE NOTE THAT CONSIDERATION IS CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN TO REVISING THE ABOVE BREAK-OUT OF THE VARIOUS RFP/CONTRACTS, HOWEVER NO CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO ALLOWING ANY LESS OF THE EFFORT TO BE SET ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. RFPs will be revised to include an NAICS Code #541930, Translation and Interpretation Services, and a Size Code of \$6M average annual receipts.
136	Is there a page limitation on Post Reference submission?		The 30-page count (with exclusions) applies to the Management Proposal and does not apply to the Past Performance Proposal Volume.

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137	Due to the complexity of the Iraq full and open bid, can the Government ensure that the past performance info is from the prime only?		As stated in Section M, at Factor 2, Past Performance, the Past Performance assessment will consider both the Offeror's and the significant subcontractor's current and past record of contract performance.
138	To prevent Defense Contractors that are "Holding Companies" from submitting multiple bids, can the Government ensure that only one proposal is allowed from a company?		Thank you for your expression of concern.
139	Is any consideration being given to a two-tiered writing/reading requirement for Afghan Linguists? Due to past political environment, there are many 50 Pashtu Linguists who cannot read & write well enough to qualify. Seems many of the positions in AF require only basic ability to read/write as opposed to being able to translate documents on a regular basis.	435	The contractual requirements are as stated in the RFP. No consideration is currently being given to revising the stated contractual requirements.
140	Can we have the contact details for the small business Liason Officer: Harriet Bertan?		Ms. Harriett L. Burton Associate Director, SADB U. S. Army Intelligence and Security Command 8825 Beulah St. Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-5246 703-428-4533 703-428-4918 (Fax) harriett.l.burton@us.army.mil
141	Translators and Interpreters able to speak various languages, will there be a requirement for individuals being trained to perform translation and interpretation? What training program or certification will the government require to prove that the Linguists can actually perform the tasks beyond being simply bilingual.		Minimum language skills are prescribed, as a requirement. Education and training in languages is not included in the scope of this RFP, or resultant contracts.
142	Small Business Set Aside: Since it is a Linguist requirement, will you use the standard business size of 6M to define a small business?		The RFP for the IRAQ effort is for Full and Open Competition. Only a single award will be made for the IRAQ solicitation. The RFP for Afghanistan/GTMO is a Total Small Business Set-Aside. One single award is planned for the Afghanistan /GTMO solicitation. It is anticipated that the future RFP for Exercise Support will be a Total Small Business Set-Aside. PLEASE NOTE THAT CONSIDERATION IS CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN TO REVISING THE ABOVE BREAK-OUT OF THE VARIOUS RFP/CONTRACTS, HOWEVER NO CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO ALLOWING ANY LESS OF THE EFFORT TO BE SET ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSSES. RFPs will be revised to include an NAICS Code #541930, Translation and Interpretation Services, and a Size Code of \$6M average annual receipts.

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143	<p>RFP states "Proposals will in particular, be considered progressively more advantageous the greater the extent to which they reflect, in support of performance of the Task Order, specific and credible identification of qualified, and appropriately compensated, CAT II and CAT III personnel who are committed to timely availability in theater at the commencement of the Task Order 1 basic performance period." Only the incumbent is capable of providing this information. It is not feasible to expect that all contractors will have separate lists of linguists for this task due to the limited number of linguists at this skill and clearance level who are available for deployment. There are two paths that a non-incumbent can take: 1) Hiring of incumbent personnel at the time of contract change, whereby competitors will not have specific names and commitments; and 2) Recruit new CAT II and CAT III linguists with commitments and contingent hiring offers. In reality, the customer on the ground will desire to retain some 90-99% of the incumbent CAT II and III personnel currently in place.</p> <p>In event of an award, that company will be faced with</p> <p>1) offending the customer by replacing the incumbent personnel or 2) offending the Linguists who have in good faith accepted an offer of employment.</p> <p>Either way, a business' honorable reputation will be put in question.</p>	<p>Page 104 Para 1 Last sentence</p> <p>Page 129 Para 1 2nd sentence</p>	<p>Please note that the referenced Section M paragraphs will be slightly revised.</p>
144	<p>RFP states "Proposals will be evaluated as progressively more advantageous the greater the extent to which recent experience reflects the following scope of work requirements...No other government language contract begins to approach the scope of the INSCOM language contract, which has grown beyond expectations since the time of award. No company does language work at or near this level of magnitude. While contractors each have experience managing language services in contingency environments in SW Asia, there is no comparison to the scope of Task Order 1. Evaluating based on Task Order 1 scope can only ensure that the incumbent is the most highly evaluated contractor.</p>	<p>M 1.2Page 130Para 1</p>	<p>Please note that the referenced Section M paragraphs will be slightly revised.</p>

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145	RFP states "For the purpose of evaluation of past performance factor, relevant contracts are those that are similar in scope to Task Order 1 (attachment 6) included in this solicitation. Highly relevant contracts will tend to include each of the following..." Similar to Section M 1.2, there are no other contracts similar in scope to Task Order 1. Thus, by definition, no vendor will be able to submit "relevant contracts." This language discriminates in favor of the incumbent – the only contractor with true parallel scope in experience.	L 2.2Page 112Para 2	Thank you for your expression of concern.
146	The transition plan requires "A time Phased Critical Path detailing all major/key events occurring during the 60 day Transition period from the point of Contract Award to completion of the transition period and commencement of full performance of Task Order 1."The requirement for a 60-day transition indicates the government's desire to limit the risk of a transition during contingencies operations. The incumbent has an inherent advantage with less to do and less cost than the competition. Additionally, removal of cost evaluation between all proposals would level the playing field.	L 1.5.1Page109	Thank you for your expression of concern.
147	RFP states "All Offerors are to provide the names of small business concerns who would participate in the proposed task order... "Given the existing contract, the incumbent has completed exclusive contracts with key providers of those services that support the government. We can state that the incumbent has approached our company, as many others, to join their team. This strategy has limited the availability of both language and supporting contractor partners to join competitive teams. It also reduces the available competition on this solicitation. Similar to our concerns regarding the incumbent personnel, it may be in the government's best interest to retain some of these providers; however, they are unavailable to a competitor until after an award is made, at which time the company will have made commitments to new subcontractors, which cannot be broken. The government's position does not allow for alternative approaches that enable retention of current, experienced subcontractors.	L 1.6Page 110Last Para	Thank you for your expression of concern.
148	The RFP references joint venture formation in the small business plan [page 81, 52.219-1(6)(ii)] and as part of the FAR 52.204-3 Taxpayer Identification (Oct 1998) under Definitions "Common Parent (page 78)." However, no additional language regarding joint venture formation is included in the RFP.	FAR 52.219-1(6)(ii)Page 81FAR52.204-3 Page 78	The RFP provision L.7 will be revised to clarify that the validity and integrity of a Joint Venture will be recognized, to the same extent as other team arrangements. Note that Joint Ventures must comply with and are controlled by FAR 9.6, FAR 9.1 and FAR 19.

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149	H.27 states: "The Government may transfer or augment capability to either or both of the other contracts as necessary to meet the full needs for linguist services. This transference or augmentation will only be implemented when determined to be in the best interest of the Government. Work will be transferred or augmented under the terms and conditions of each Contract as issued. Advanced notification of such transference or augmentation will be provided to HQDA by the INSCOM prior to execution." Can the government do this at will?	Section H.27	The identified "transfer" of effort will only be pursued under unusual or compelling circumstances, that are not currently anticipated, and then only after full compliance with statutory (e.g. CICA) and regulatory (e.g. FAR, DFARS) requirements for documentation, justification and approvals.
150	Will the government transfer work from a contract that was a small-business set-aside to one that was solicited as full and open? What are the boundaries/rules for such a transfer?	Section H.27	The identified "transfer" of effort will only be pursued under unusual or compelling circumstances, that are not currently anticipated, and then only after full compliance with statutory (e.g. CICA) and regulatory (e.g. FAR, DFARS) requirements for documentation, justification and approvals.